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Dear Boris:

I have referred many times to my singular yeast student, Mr. Robert Wright. He and his wife Mari had won (on a TV show!) a trip to Europe; because of his accident and a recent baby they were not able to take advantage of the prize sooner. However, they are now about to set off.

Bob would be very anxious to meet you and talk over his work on cytoplasmic inheritance in dikaryons, which has met with a series of trivial obstacles. He will be in Paris on August 17, and if this were convenient for you, I would appreciate any courtesy you can give him. If it is not, or you will not be there, could you leave word how he might contact you at a more convenient time? They are hoping to travel in Spain, but would be back in Paris again about September 10.

The Wrights will doubtless be able to receive mail at the American Express Agency.

* } Nothing much else has come up since Baltimore. Sol is talking about transferring (phenotypically) the ability to make lactase to Lac- mutants protoplasts from Lac+ by means of RNA. We went back to Madison, then to Cy Levinthal's meeting at Ann Arbor and a couple of weeks at Woods Hole. Not so exciting this time. I spent most of this spring writing silly papers, and haven't quite recovered yet.

If all goes well, we may be able to reach France from the Far East in early September 1957; I'm not going to Tokyo; we hope to see you before then.
this year

—best wishes,


Joshua Lederberg

7/89 Sol = Spiegelman.

I don't think that RAX
effect stood up. JL